The Lions' Pride

Welcome Freshmen

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Greetings to the Incoming New Lions

Welcome to Saint Leo University, where in four years you will love the person you become.

Along the way, you may decide you need a job for money, experience, or comradery. *The Lions' Pride* is one of many job opportunities available at Saint Leo University that offers real world experience. The newspaper is completely student-run and growing with each passing year. It is a paid work-study and non-work study job open to all years and majors. Working for *The Lions' Pride* is also a great way to boost your resume, enhance you writing skills, and meet great new people.

Speaking of writing, it is the one of the reasons many people join the newspaper staff. They enjoy writing and/or enjoy reporting the news. But, not everyone on *The Pride* wants to be a reporter. There are some who want to be teachers, join the Peace Corps, or even become social workers. *The Pride* is a place to gain valuable experience that supplements any major; it is something that can boost your resume from ordinary to extraordinary.

Writing for the newspaper shows you can meet deadlines, work individually and as a team, problem-solve, manage your time and assignments, and so much more. And obviously, it proves you can write.

Writing for a college newspaper has its good side and its challenging side. While on one hand, writing can be a source of pleasure; it can also be a source of anguish.

Writing for a college newspaper is fun and personally rewarding. After hours spent gathering and organizing information, writing the article, editing it, seeing the finished product in print is like seeing a child learn how to tie his shoes. There is nothing like seeing one's name in print.

But, writing for a college paper is a challenging process. While gathering information sounds easy, it isn't always. First, you have to be willing to talk to people. Yes, in person. There will be times when people will not want interviewed. Other times, scheduleing interviews is challenging because schedules conflict. Then, there are the dealines. But not to worry, the staff of *The Lions' Pride* knows the meaning of hard work and team effort. So, they are always there to help you through it.

The Lions' Pride offers great opportunities for growth. At *The Lions' Pride*, there are ways to advance from being a staff writer to a section editor to a main editor. There is training. There are workshops. There are weekly meetings. Almost everyone starts as a staff writer, but for those who aspire to be more, the opportunity exists.

Anyone with a passion for writing and a desire for growth is welcome to join *The Lions' Pride* team. Freshmen are especially encouraged to join. Normally, their minds are full of ideas that can help the paper, and indirectly themselves, grow to full potential. And just like Saint Leo University's motto, *The Lions' Pride* promises this: You'll love the person you become here.

For a more information about *The Lions' Pride* newspaper, contact our advisor, Mrs. Kasper in St. Ed's, room 341, or attend one of our weekly meetings. For those who know they want to work for us, apply through student employment at https://www.saintleo.jobs/

Summer Festival Offers First Memories for Class of 2019

by Nicole Alvarez
TLP Staff Writer

Approximately 200 incoming freshmen, along with friends and family, visited Saint Leo University on July 18 to have fun at the Summer Festival.

The Summer Festival was hosted by University Admissions and organized by Brandilyn Bolden, director of events and campus tours. It lasted from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Bowl behind the Student Community Center. Once freshmen signed in at the registration tent and received their complimentary bag, towel, and lanyard they had free access to a variety of games, live musical entertainment, and food vendors to choose from. After registering with the admissions workers, freshmen were invited to sign the Summer Festival poster which was stationed at the wooden stage. However, the day was hot and humid as is characteristic of Florida summers; there were mist tents stationed at various places across the Bowl for this very reason.

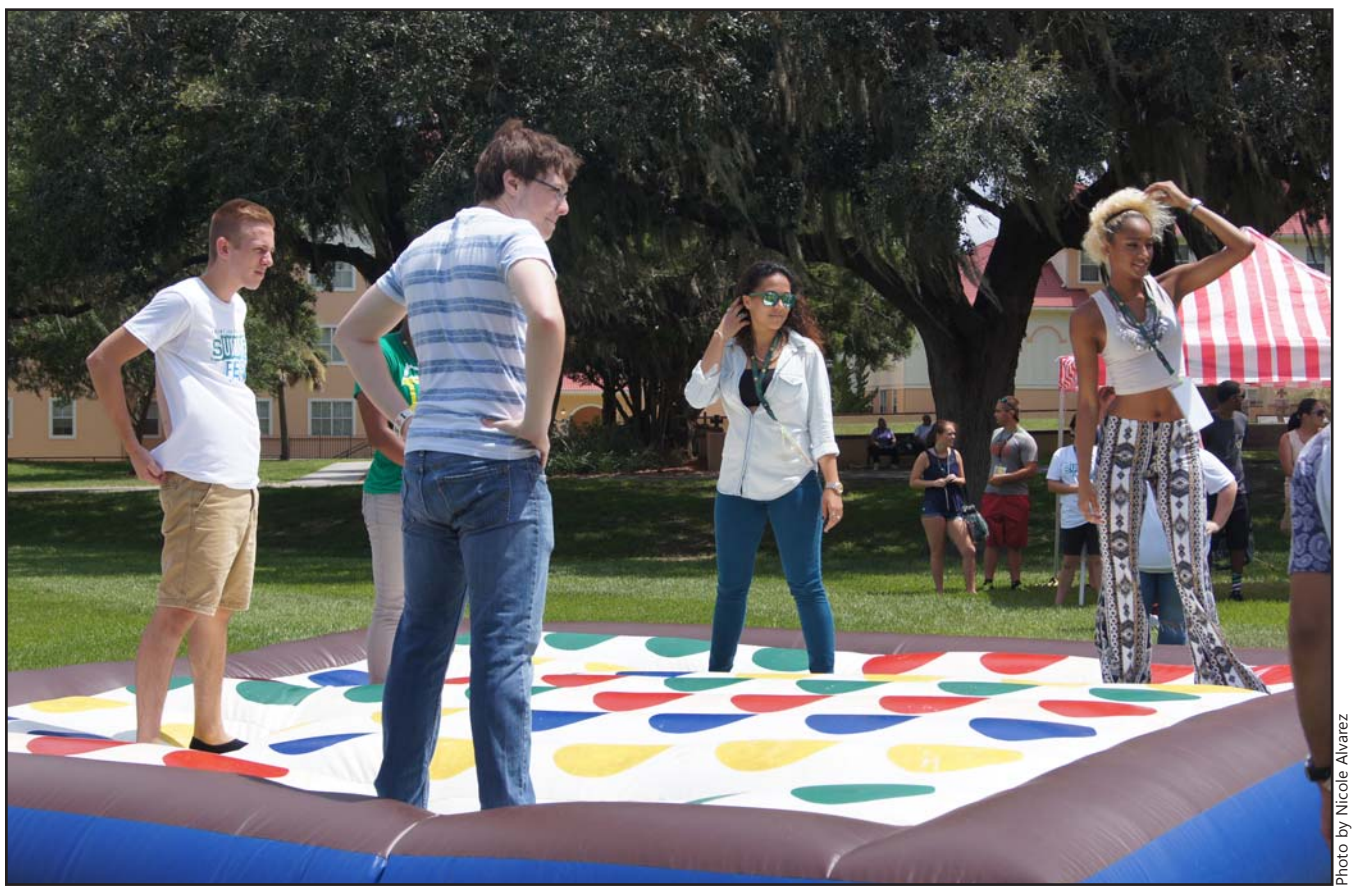

Photo by Nicole Alvarez

Students spent the day enjoying various activities, such as Twister.

Two of the most popular attractions at the Summer Festival were the tie-dye shirts and the art contest. Most guests took part in these two attractions and the tables were often surrounded. Half way through the event the tie-dye station had to close because it ran out of supplies for the guests. Other games and events included an inflatable twister tournament that was placed just in front of the music stage and was also popular. The tournaments were held in five rounds and the winner at the end of the five rounds won a prize. There were also games such as the corn hole toss, volleyball and water balloon volleyball, tug-of-war, two giant Jengas were set up, as well as two giant Connect-the-Dots that were popular with the children and students.

Four food vendor trucks, free of charge, which included

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Freshmen in the Know Q & A

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

Q: Does the campus library have *regular* books?

A: If you mean fantasy, sci-fi and fiction novels that you might find in a public library, then yes, there are *regular* books. These books are located on the first floor in the back left area, next to the round desks by the coffee and tea. And there are more *regular* books on the second floor in the back, along the wall next to the elevator. The campus library uses the Library of Congress system for sorting its literature, so it is a good idea to become familiar with it.

Q: I cannot find a book I want in the Campus Library. Is there a way I can order it?

A: You can obtain this books in two ways. The first is to ask a librarian at the Campus Library to help you create an ILL (Inter Library Loan). The librarian will assist you in finding another college that has the book you would like so you can order it. However, if you are looking for literature that is not for academic means, you might want to try your second option: the local public library, Hugh Embry. This branch of the Pasco County Library System is located in downtown Dade City and is free to use once you sign up for a Pasco County library card.

Q: If I don't get along with my roommate(s), can I move into another room?

A: You should always try to settle differences with your roommate(s) first. Try talking to your resident assistant if you continue to have roommate conflicts. Resident assistants have been trained to help University students—especially with roommate troubles. Ultimately, if conflicts cannot be resolved, you can move into a different room by talking to Residence Life and your resident assistant.

Q: Help! The Dining Hall is not open and I'm hungry!

A: It can be tough not having a kitchen to use, but your stomach does not have to suffer. Preplanning will save you. There are many things that are pre-cooked or can simply be warmed up in a microwave. Buy quick meals ahead of time and have a stock of food in your room. You can also buy food from The Lions' Lair, which has all types of food options for students on the run. My best advice is to snack. Buy sandwich bags and fill them with foods like nuts, small fruits, vegetables, or create your own trail mix; it is an easy and portable option if you lose track of Dining Hall hours.

Q: I lost something on campus. Is there a lost and found I can go to?

A: Yes. Campus Security has a lost and found. If Campus Security does not have your item, try asking a Dining Hall worker if you lost an item while eating, or ask your professor and classmates if you left something in the classroom.

Q: Where can I look for employment with the University? Are there part-time jobs available?

A: The University posts all employment opportunities on www.saintleo.edu/employment.aspx. Both work study and part-time jobs are available to students. Apply quickly! Hiring for student employed positions occurs during the first few weeks of school. Make sure you have your social security card (not a copy) with you. It is necessary to present your SS card when filling out paperwork for any position on campus.

Q: Can I make changes to my class schedule?

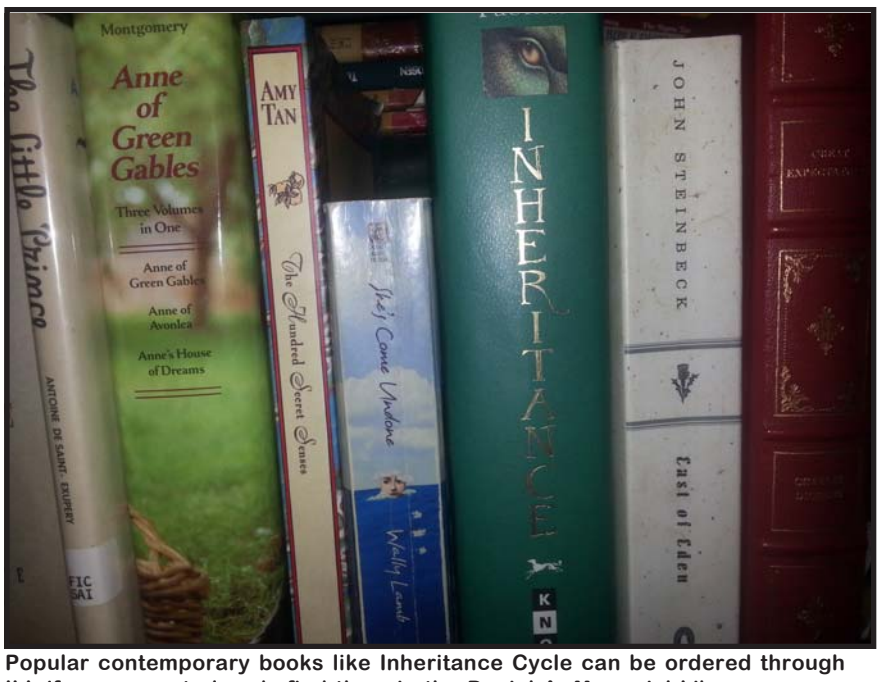
A: Yes, you can make changes to your schedule, but the changes must be approved by your advisor. You can find out who your advisor is and their e-mail by going onto your Saint Leo portal, select program evaluation, and then an area of study.

Q: I need _____ from the grocery store/mall. Does the school provide rides to the grocery store/mall?

A: The University provides buses that make free weekly trips to different locations so students can get food, prescriptions or go shopping at the mall. Sign-up sheets to go on these trips are located in the Student Activities Building. You must meet outside of Campus Security on the day and time of the trip to get on the bus.

Q: I have a friend/family member visiting campus. Do they need a parking decal?

A: Yes, visitors are required to register their vehicle with Campus Security before parking on campus property.



Popular contemporary books like Inheritance Cycle can be ordered through ILL if you cannot already find them in the Daniel A. Memorial Library.

JOURNALISM...
the WRITE minor for you!

Close reading, thorough researching, critical thinking, and clear and effective writing are all essential skills needed for any career. The journalism minor will enhance and strengthen your current major by providing these essential skills.

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Journalism Minor (total credits = 18)

Complete the following required courses:
- ENG 205 Intro to Professional Writing
- ENG 227 Basic Journalistic Writing
- ENG 441 Advanced Journalism
- ENG 428 Internship OR ENG 318 Pre-internship

Choose two of the following courses:
- ENG 332 Creative Non-fiction
- ENG 450 Desktop Publishing and Design
- ENG 430 The Independent Writer
- COM 333 Web Design and Information Resources
- ART 226 Beginning Photography

Freshmen Rock SLU's First Summer Festival

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frozen yogurt, sandwiches, mini-burgers, and shaved ice. There was also an Italian American Latin Fusion vendor and a Hawaiian coffee and smoothie vendor with various bins of soda and water settled around the area for the thirsty. All the while, the event was filled with music from opposite ends of the Bowl. Closest to Lake Jovita was where the DJ was set up on the music stage. Right next to the cafeteria and Hawaiian smoothie vendor was a live band and covered seating.

For the students that are looking forward to dorm life on campus, there was a raffle contest sponsored by Bath & Body Works. Once entered, students had a chance to win a comforter set, one designed for boys or one designed for girls. If that was not enough fun and excitement there was also a photo booth set up near the cafeteria for people to commemorate their memories of the Summer Festival.

Once 3 p.m. came around the Summer Festival came to a close and guests began leaving with their memories of the festival. Saint Leo University looks forward to greeting the incoming freshmen once the fall semester begins.

All photos by Nicole Alvarez

The first Summer Festival consisted of games, such as Twister and Jenga; volleyball; tie-dye t-shirts; food vendors for frozen yogurt and shaved ice; and a photo booth to print all the new memories.

MAP KEY

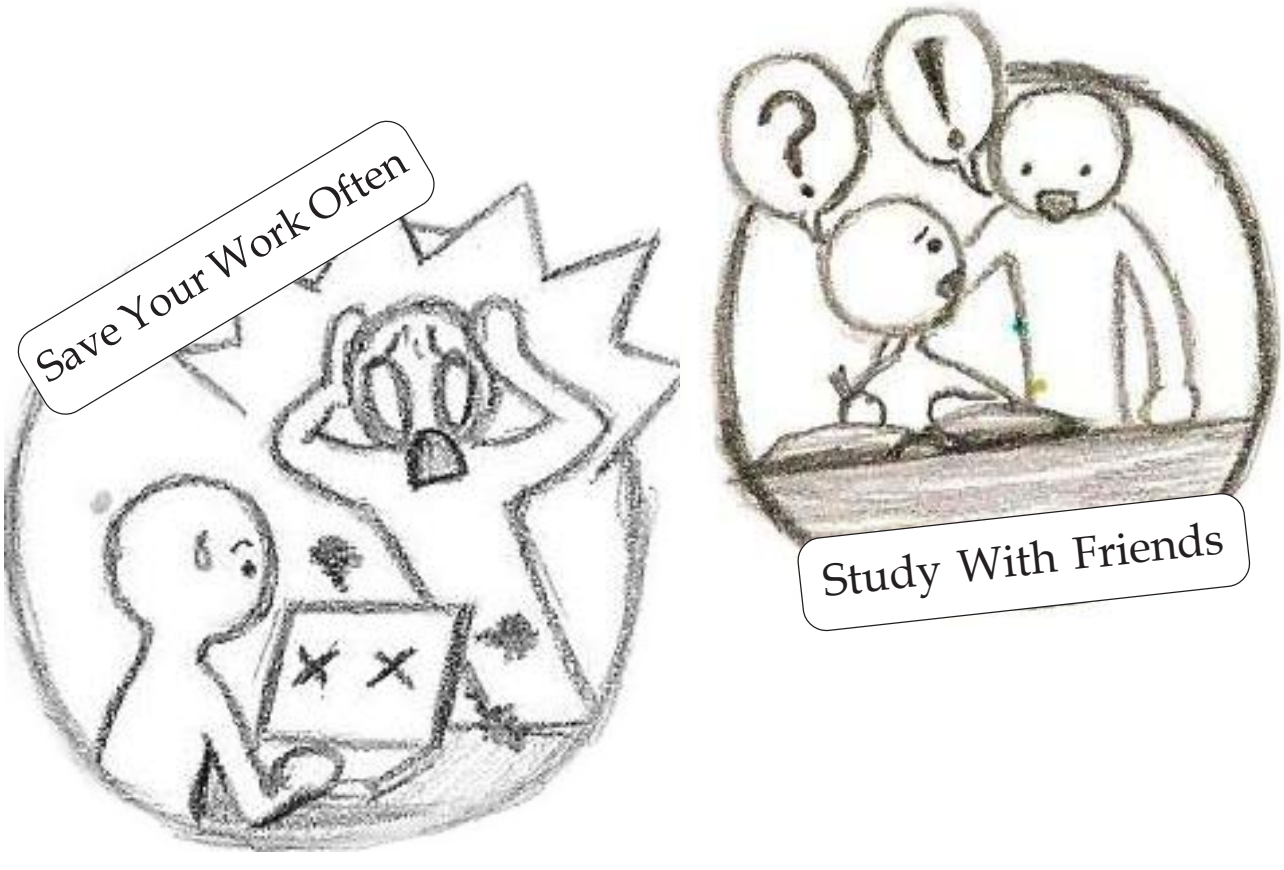
1. Abbey Church
2. Abbey Golf Course
3. Academic Building (new facility under construction)
4. Admissions (Undergraduate)
5. Alumni Residence Hall
6. Athletic Fields
   a. Baseball Stadium-Thomas B. Southard
   b. Intramural Field
   c. Soccer Field
   d. Softball Stadium
   e. Turf Lacrosse Stadium/Parking Garage
7. Benedictine Hall
8. Benoit Residence Hall
9. Bookstore
10. Bowl
11. Cannon Memorial Library
12. Chiller Plant
13. deChantal Hall
14. Dining Hall
15. Fine Arts Building
16. Fitness Center
17. Greenfelder-Denlinger Boardrooms
18. Henderson Residence Hall
19. Herrmann Mail Center
20. Lake House
21. Lake Jovita
22. Lakefront
23. Lewis Hall
24. Marion Bowman Activities Center
25. Marmion/Snyder Residence Halls
26. Music Building
27. Plant Operations
28. Roderick Residence Hall
29. Ropes Course
30. ROTC
31. Saint Edward Hall
32. Saint Francis Hall
33. Saint Jude Chapel
34. School of Business Building
35. Security
36. Selby Auditorium
37. Student Apartments 1-4
38. Student Apartments 5-6
39. Student Activities Building
40. Student Community Center
41. Swimming Pool
42. Temporary Classrooms
43. Tennis Courts
44. The Villa
45. University Technology Services

Campus Highlights for Mind, Body and Soul

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

Snacks for Growing Minds:

- Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library: Offers a variety of free tea and coffee to students on the main floor.
- Learning Resource Center: Has free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and popcorn to help keep students going while they're studying.
- Fritz Donut Shoppe: Opened from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The shop sells donuts and coffee for students and staff that lack the time to have a set-down meal in the Dining Hall.
- Lions' Lair: There are many items from floss to paper plates to a wide range of food for students to purchase. However, many students who have the unlimited meal plan too easily forget the advantages of bonus bucks and penny meals. Unlimited meal plans come with $100 of Bonus Bucks $100 each semester can go a long way at Lions' Lair. And Bonus Bucks can be used on anything within Lions' Lair, and can be used to treat someone to a meal in the Dining Hall. Penny meals are compiled of an entrée that changes nightly, a bag of chips and a fountain drink for a penny from 10:00 p.m. to Midnight.



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anning: Their staff can help students with nips, resumes, choosing a graduate school and eer path.

enter: On Mondays and Wednesdays, the Health skin exams. But that is not all. They provide daily d to stay on top of things, such as pain reliever, adhesive bandages for free.

ng Center: A great place for any student who talk to for whatever reason. Stop in if you every ing or advice—it's free.

Cannon Memorial Library: Besides free printing, ap copying, there are tutors and librarians who on-one with writing and finding resources.

Resource Center: Also offers free printing. The he LRC is the tutoring service. Tutors of all levels can work with students one-on-one to enhance a c progress.

e: There are school supplies, popular books, d more for students to shop through.

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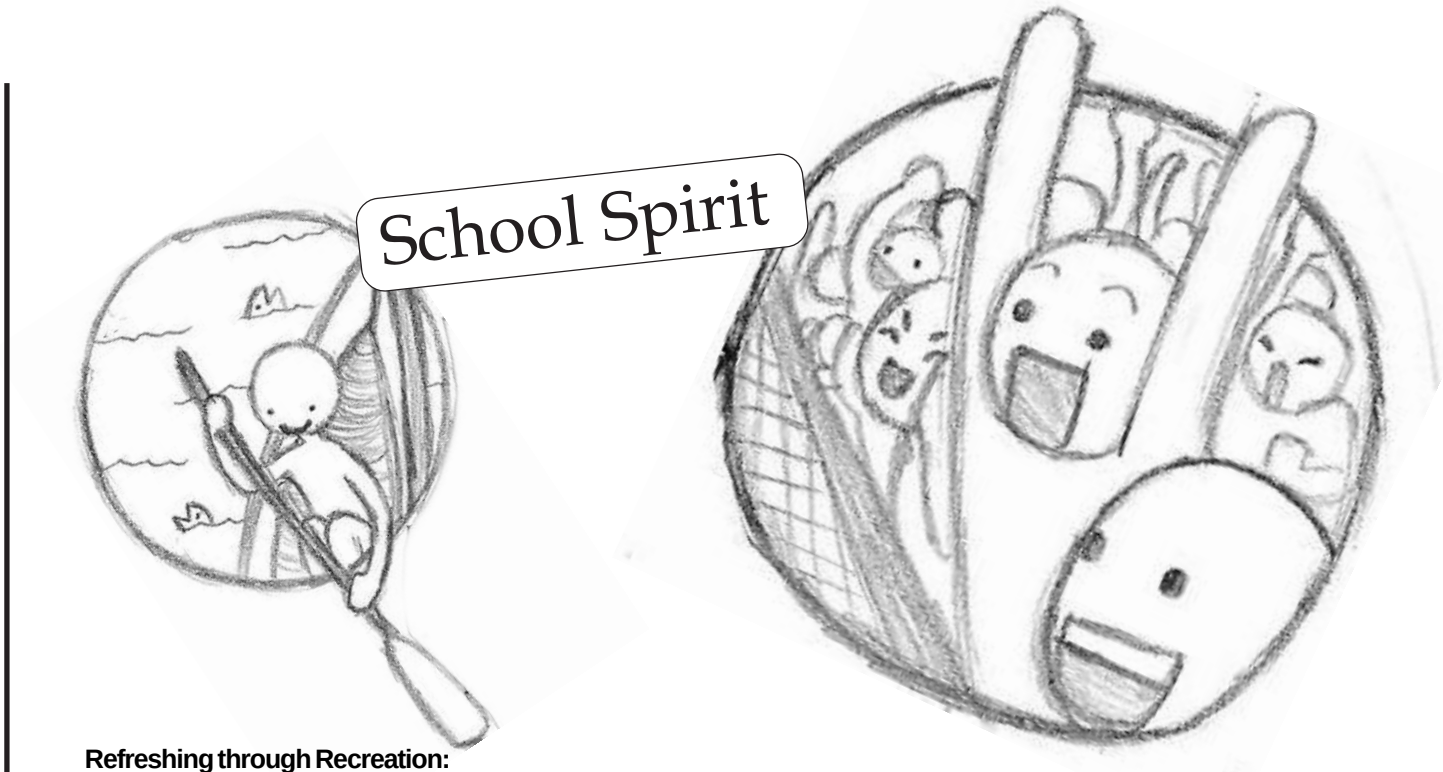

Refreshing through Recreation:

- Lake Jovita: Students are free to take out canoes or even use the grill and patio area by the lake—after asking permission.
- Ropes Course: The ropes course, located next to the parking lot for Apartments One through Four, is free to rent for groups of twelve or more for a six to eight hour time period by contacting kent.reiber@saintleo.edu.
- Saintleotickets.com: Students can access this website for free or cheaply priced events. Try checking it weekly for updates.
- Sporting events: Home games are free to all University students. Sometimes students who come early to sporting events receive free University themed items to display their Saint Leo pride.
- Arcade: In Apartment Five, there is an arcade center that contains skeeball, billiards tables, air hockey, and several other gaming devices which are free for students to use at any time of day.

Perks from the Local Community

By Jessica Miller
Editor-in-Chief

One of the first things students notice about the University campus is its lack of "civilization." And while the fields are stunning and the bovines are friendly, students often wish to gather at a local venue to relax. The truth is that students will ride into busy cities, like Tampa or Ybor, to attend/perform recreational activities. However, the cities surrounding Saint Leo offer many activities—all within a 30 minute drive.

Many students love to take advantage of discounts and free activates, because where there is money to be saved, students will be there to make sure that each cent is wisely spent. Many of these discounts are located in our local community. Remember to ask the cashier, ticket taker or salesman if there are college student discounts. The worst thing that can happen when you ask about a discount is to be told there is no discount given …yet. Are you looking for entertainment? The Cobb movie theater gives students discount ticket prices, as well as several other movie theaters in the area. Movies are an easy way to relax with a group of friends. And if you are looking for more of a rush, try the Wiregrass Mall, which is filled with stores that offer discounts to students; such as a

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After a visitor receives his or her parking decal, he or she can follow the the signs and park in the Parking Garage or near Campus Security. A visitor can park anywhere on campus after 5 o'clock.

percentage of cash back or an extra percent off an item that is already on sale. This includes clothing and furniture stores (even though that is not entertainment to everyone, it is still nice to know the discount if it is there). For a more action pack recreation fun, try some cheap classes in sports or Zumba or more at local parks, recreation and community centers. Play outside, have picnics, go fishing, head to the beach, hike, travel one of the many nature trails by the beaches or swamps, spend a day learning at the Pioneer Museum in Dade City or attend one of the many on-going events that occur in the area, such as car shows, doggie days, kumquat and rattlesnake festival and more. For details on these events and places of recreation, visit pascocountyfl.net for details, times and locations.

Everyone gets hungry. And when the time comes that we each want to share in the comforts of food and friends, we look to restaurants and other food venues for satisfaction. Several restaurants in the area will either give free items to students or give discounts. If you are looking for something quick, or just want a nice cup of coffee, you can walk or drive to A Cup of Organic which is located on State Road 52 next to On Q and across the street from the Fruit Stand. The Fruit Stand offers a variety of fruits and vegetables, and sometimes herbs in small pots, if available; and all of its selections can be discounted for University students. Even restaurants in the areas of Dade City and Zephyrhills give different types of discounts. Everything from a free entrée or beverage to a discount off an entire check.

Please follow online at pride-online.net for a list of other venues in the local area, including discounts and promotions:

A Cup of Organic:

- Popular items: Turkey, bacon and cheese croissant and coffee granitas, which is a "frozen coffee Slurpee," said owner Douglas Torres.
- Offers:
  - o 10% discount to all students and staff of the University
  - o Check out Facebook page for information on their happy hour specials.

Discounts and promotions have been created by these venues to encourage a sense of community by building trust while becoming friendly with a product or service. As students who are struggling to make monthly means, why not form relationships with the local community that can last a lifetime; or, at least, four years while in college.

Rewards When Dining Locally with Private Businesses

By Jessica Miller
Editor-in-Chief

San Antonio

A Cup of Organic

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Offers:

• 10% discount to all students and staff of the University

• Check out Facebook page for information on their happy hour specials.

Location: 33024 State Road 52, San Antonio, FL 33576

Al's Pizza Shop

Popular items: Originally known as "Al's Famous Pizza" for 22 years until grandson nd current owner, Heath Dorr, took over and renamed it "Al's Pizza Shop" after a family nickname of the restaurant. Yet, even after the change in ownership, the stand-out food remains: Ybor City Style Cuban sandwich with a family made sauce, Meat Liker pizza,and Greek salads. "We just want to create a fun environment … [to] just relax," says Dorr.

Location: 11929 Curley Street, San Antonio, FL 33576

Local Public House and Pearl in the Grove

Popular items: Craft beers and a wide variety of foods, like their friend green tomato BLT and po' boys, that are all from local farms and businesses. Rebecca and Curtis Beebe are the owners of the two restaurants. Curtis states, "We price things fairly."

Location: Local Public House and Provisions—32750 Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Curley Road, San Antonio, Fl and Pearl in the Grove—31936 Saint Joe Road, Dade City, FL 33525

Panchos

Popular items: a variety of Mexicanfood, such as chili verde; shrimp, chicken, or beef fajitas; chicken or beef tacos; carnitas; burritos; gorditas; and chimichangas.

Offers:

• 10% discount to all students and staff of the University

Location: 32804 Pennsylvania Ave, San Antonio, FL 33576

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The Abbey Tavern

Popular items: Half pound Black Angus beef burgers, such as the Cowboy, Braveheart and Blue and Black. Large chicken wings, served with three levels of hot sauces and a variety of dips according to owner of 8 years, Ben Bates. Every day, the restaurant provides what Bates calls "a fast option" entrée at lunch time for on-the-go customers.

Offers:

• Different special every day, along with certain, weekly reoccurring specials, like seafood chowder on Fridays.

• Happy Hour for all alcoholic drinks from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• There are random days where there will be extra specials. It order to see those, one must visit their Facebook page.

Location: 33640 State Road 52, St. Leo, FL 33574

Four Breathtaking Places on Campus

By Sidonie Llewellyn - Staff Writer

For some students it's not easy to transition from summer life to college life. The process can take from just a few days to weeks. In any event, I took the liberty of putting together a few spots around campus that could possibly take your mind off the back to school frenzy.

A Spirit of Belonging

Grab a seat on the patio with a few friends in the courtyard between Apartments 5 and 6. The statue here is not only a glorious sight, it also has a notable background. The statue is over 7 feet tall and commemorates the magnificent moment when a monk welcomed a black student, Rudolph Antorcha, onto campus during a time when segregation was still legal in the state of Florida.

Hidden in Plain Sight

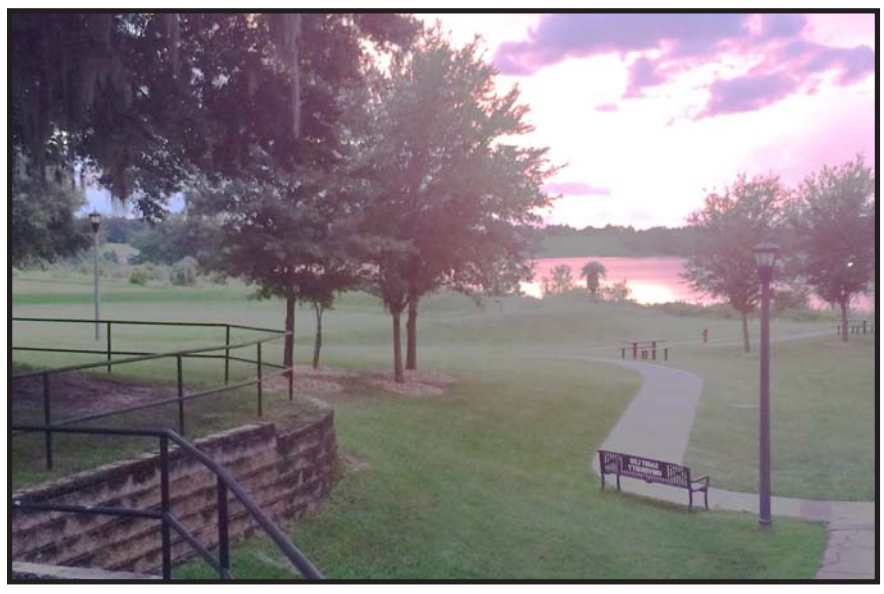
Next time you are rushing to the library to print your research paper between classes, take a few minutes to notice a few of the statues outside of the church. Over by St. Edward Hall, there are a few small statues. The one that catches my eye is hidden a little ways from the church. I consider it to be a gem hidden in plain sight. It is surrounded by grass and a little worn down around the edges, but there is still a certain serenity that comes over me anytime I see it.

The Road to Marmion and Snyder

If you have time, walk the scenic route to Marmion and Snyder. Take in the fresh air. Be sure to notice the little things like the squirrels playing in the trees or the bunnies feeding off in the distance.

Lake Jovita

Hands down, this is the prettiest place on campus. Whether you would like to rent a canoe, watch the sunset or tan on the docks, Lake Jovita is the perfect place to do it. Make a trip down to the dock in the evening and look out into the sunset. If you want, you can even bring your books with you. Located within a close proximity is a covered area with benches and tables.



Freaking-out Freshman

KATIE GAISER
Former Layout Editor

Freshman year was one of the most rewarding and enriching years of my life. However, it didn't start out that way. I remember walking into the gym on day one of my Saint Leo experience feeling like my stomach was going to drop right out of my body. I was surrounded by a sea of strangers I didn't want to meet and a heavy share of informative pamphlets I had no desire to read. My only source of comfort was a single friend I had from home who was also attending Saint Leo.

I was soon separated into my orientation group. To my dismay, I discovered my friend, Meg, was in a completely different group. I was alone. I knew no one. I freaked out. One minute, I was in the safe, secure environment of my high school, and the next I was a real college girl, independent, self-sufficient, and strong, right? Wrong! I was insecure, terrified, and alone.

To make matters worse, a different friend of mine from home was in my orientation group. However, he wasn't a friend as much as he was an enemy. My worst enemy. Out of no where, I was standing face to face with him. I shivered with anger and resentment. Of all the groups that year, he just had to be in mine.

But, like most situations I've encountered in life, I saw a silver lining. I started breathing and smiling at people in my group. I started joking with my orientation leaders and tried to be more outgoing. To my surprise, my worst enemy ended up being my best friend that day. He stood by my side, and together, we made a real impact on the group. By nightfall, we were all friends. We laughed and joked like we knew each other for years.

My story is so common. I came, I was nervous, I made a friend, and I was fine from there. However, my point is to inform all the new freshmen that everything is going to be great. It's hard at first, but once you make a friend and surround yourself with people you like, it's all a breeze from there. Remember, everyone is going through the same thing. Find comfort in knowing that the sweating fool to your right and the seemingly confident cheerleader to your left are just as close to puking as you are. Be confident and out-going and you shall be rewarded. Good luck.

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Like writing? Editing? Photography? Design?

Gain practical experience that can be applied to any profession you choose.

**Work Study & Non-Work Study Positions Available*

JOBS AVAILABLE

- Writers
- Assistant Online Editor
- Multimedia Editor
- Assistant Copy Editor
- Photographers
- Assistant Layout Editor
- Graphic Designer

SKILLS GAINED

- Resume Builder
- Teamwork
- Improved Writing
- Ability to Meet Deadlines
- Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Time Management

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